whether they have taken any definite step towards the attainment of the object;

(c) whether the putting up of a bridge over the Enamakkal ferry will not facilitate traffic from Kanjani to Guruvayur and Chowghat?

Mr. V. K. Aravindaksha Menon.—(a) No.

(b) The question does not arise.

(c) Yes.

Vypeen — Pallippuram road.

266. Mr. P. C. Varkey.—Will the Government be pleased to state:—

(a) the total length of the Vypeen-Pallippuram road;

(b) the total length so far opened for traffic;

(c) the total length so far metalled;

(d) whether they propose to extend this road up to the Travancore boundary in the north; and

(e) when it is proposed to complete this road and whether the whole road would be suitable for vehicular traffic?

Mr. V. K. Aravindaksha Menon.—(a) 15 miles.

(b) 5½ miles.

(c) 5½ miles.

(d) Yes.

(e) It cannot be said for certain when the road will be completed; it depends upon funds. The road, when completed, will be suitable for vehicular traffic.

Water Works Establishments.

267. Mr. George Parakkal.—Will the Government be pleased to state.—

(1) is the Water Works establishments at Ernakulam permanent;

(2) are the establishments for Water Works at Mattancheri, Trichur, Nemmara and Ayloor also permanent;

(3) if the answer to (2) is in the negative, will the Government be pleased to state, why they have not been made permanent as yet;

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(4) are not the staff at these places doing the same work as, and are not their responsibilities identical with, those at Ernakulam;

(5) will the Government be pleased to consider the necessity of making this staff permanent, in view of the fact that the Water Works concerned are not temporary?

Mr. V. K. Aravindaksha Menon.—(1) Yes.

(2) The establishments of the Nemmara and Ayloor Water Works are permanent. Those of Trichur and Mattancheri are only temporary.

(3) There is a proposal to transfer the Trichur Water Works to the Municipality and hence the establishment is not made permanent. Regarding the Mattancheri Water Works, the present system of transporting water by means of barges is only a purely temporary arrangement and this is to be replaced by a permanent pipe line sooner or later. The existing establishment may not have to be continued when the pipe line is laid and hence it is not made permanent.

(4) and (5) Vide answer to sub-divison No. (3).

Works under Public Works Department in the Chittur Taluk.

268. Mr. C. S. Viswanatha Ayyar.—Will the Government be pleased to state.—

(a) how many tenders were received for each of the works under Public Works Department in Chittur Taluk for the years 1107, 1108, 1109 and 1110;

(b) how many had paid earnest money for such works and when were such earnest money deposits made;

(c) when were the selection of contractors for each work made and their tenders accepted;

(d) when were the repayments of earnest money of rejected tenders made;

(e) if there was delay of more than a month in any case, what was the cause for such delay?

Mr. V. K. Aravindaksha Menon.—(a), (b), (c), (d) and (e) Government do not consider that the time and labour involved in gathering the particulars called for will be commensurate with the public purpose served thereby.

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